

Luke's Gospel: Son of Man, Seeker of Men.

"Just DO It!"

How not to be a member of the Secret Service Saints

Today's Big Question: Do you hide your light or shine your light?

Luke 8:16-21 (NKJV); The Parable of the Revealed Light

¹⁶ "No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts *it* under a bed, but sets *it* on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light. ¹⁷ For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor *anything* hidden that will not be known and come to light. ¹⁸ Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him *more* will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him."

Jesus' Mother and Brothers Come to Him

¹⁹ Then His mother and brothers came to Him, and could not approach Him because of the crowd. ²⁰ And it was told Him *by some*, who said, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see You."

²¹ But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."

Just DO It! How not to be a member of the Secret Service Saints...

1. Don't h_____ your light, s_____ your light (v. 16).

- You are the light of the world, so don't hide the light of Christ from those in your life.
- Others really need to see your light. You may be the only representative of Jesus that someone sees.
- Don't hide your light, just shine it!

→Your faith is personal, but it should never be private. There should be no such thing as a Secret Service Saint!

2. Instead of lurking in secret d_____, lavish living in the l_____ (v. 17).

- If you want to shine the light of Christ, you're going to have to stop dwelling in the darkness.

4 practices to STOP and 4 practices to START:

Stop...

- 1) No more putting yourself _____.
- 2) No more secret _____.
- 3) No more living for the mere _____.
- 4) No more living in fear of _____ because of your Christian faith.

Start...

- 1) Start _____ God and others more than anything else.
- 2) Start living with Jesus as the _____ of your universe.
- 3) Start living for a greater _____ -The Kingdom of God.
- 4) Start living a life of _____ -you are the same person outside the church as you are inside the church!

Proverbs 28:13 (NIV); Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

I John 1:9-If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

→Whatever we cover, God uncovers, but whatever we uncover, God covers.

3. Don't just h_____ the Word, _____ the Word (v. 18-21).

- Take heed how you hear.

Scripture Insight: [8:18](#) consider carefully how you listen. The disciples heard not only for themselves but also for those to whom they would minister (see [Mk 4:24](#); cf. [Jas 1:19-22](#)). Truth that is not understood and appropriated will be lost (see [19:26](#); [Php 3:16](#) and notes), but truth that is used will be multiplied.¹

How should you hear God's Word? 6 Listening Tips

- 1) Prepare your _____ BEFORE you hear God's Word.
- 2) Prepare your _____ BEFORE you hear God's Word.

¹ Quote from NIV Study Bible.

- 3) Make a pre-_____ that you will obey God's Word.
- 4) Listen to God's Word with _____.
- 5) Take notes and tell _____ else about what you have learned. You can't apply what you soon forget!
- 6) The easiest way to remember what you have learned, is to start putting it into _____ immediately!

According to a study from NTL Institute for Applied Behavioral Science in Arlington, VA:

90% of what they learn when they teach someone else/use immediately.

75% of what they learn when they practice what they learned.

50% of what they learn when engaged in a group discussion.

30% of what they learn when they see a demonstration.

20% of what they learn from audio-visual.

10% of what they learn when they've learned from reading.

5% of what they learn when they've learned from lecture.

** While these numbers vary with each person's learning style and there are different studies that have different results, **the main point is that as we put our learning into practice, the retention rate goes up!***

- If you don't put the Word into practice, you can lose ground in your Christian progress.
- Jesus was not diminishing His earthly family here.
- What was Jesus really saying? Since your Christian family is eternal, these relationships transcend your earthly family who are not followers of Jesus Christ.

Scripture Insight: 8:21 *My mother and brothers.* Figurative kinship language was common in antiquity; e.g., one could call a respected older woman "mother" and call comrades or fellow members of one's ethnic group "brothers." Nevertheless, refusal to give higher priority to one's physical family would appear offensive in ancient Mediterranean culture.²

Matthew 5:14-16: ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it

² Quote from NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible.

gives light to all *who are* in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

What does it take to produce fire? 1) 2) 3)

- God is described as a "consuming fire" in Hebrews 12:29.
- Fire is often a symbol of God's presence in the Bible (Exodus 3:2, 14:19, Numbers 9:15-16).

Sermon in a Sentence: When you hear the Word, remember to also just do it!

Action Steps

- Just Do IT-
- Take my next step in discipleship. Where are you at today?



- Sign up for a Serve Team.
- Sign up for PLACE class which will take place on Wednesday nights (August 8, 15, 22, 29, and Sept 5).
- Find someone in the church to mentor this upcoming ministry year (September 2018-August 2019).

Make a decision this week? Please let us know on your Connection Card.

Preview for next Sunday: "Faith to Reach the Other Side" from Luke 8:22-25.